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MEETING OF ELECTRICAL MACHINE-BUILDING AND TRANSFORMER INDUSTRY (30 pp; German; April 1951)

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[redacted] document consists of minutes of a meeting, held 9 April 1951 at LEW (Locomotive Construction and Electrical Goods Plant) in Hennigsdorf, between representative of the Ministry for Machine-Building, Main Administration for Electrical Products, and of the electrical machine-building and transformer industry, dealing with fulfillment of the production plan for March 1951 and the outlook for April at the following plants:

- 1) TRO (Oberschoeneweide Transformer Plant) exceeded its March quota by 3.9 percent, with a production valued at 1.9 million DM. The April quota is 1 million DM. A detailed account is given of the plant's material requirements and procurement difficulties. For steel, thin-gauge plate, heavy and medium plate constitute the major procurement bottlenecks. There is also a critical shortage of DIN (German industrial standard) parts.
- 2) ELMO (Dessau Electric Motor and Compressor Plant). The March quota, 513,000 DM, was not fulfilled. However, it is expected that the April quota of 380,000 DM will be exceeded, with an output valued at 500,000-600,000 DM. The plant has no difficulties with construction work or procurement of machinery. Its material requirements are covered for April and up to mid-May. The plant will have to discharge 300 surplus workers because of insufficient orders.
- 3) Wernigerode Plant. Following an account of general problems and operations, in which it is stated that total capacity is only 60 percent utilized and that procurement of gray cast iron, screws, and ball and roller bearings constitutes a bottleneck, a detailed breakdown is given of March production (planned and actual) for various types of motors. Of the 8,437 motors scheduled for the 1st quarter 1951, the plant produced 5,978 motors, or 70 percent of the quota. A detailed report is included on the plant's financial status and investments.
- 4) The Kjellberg and Finag Plants in Finsterwalde. Both plants fulfilled their March quotas by 113 percent. Procurement bottlenecks are: welding wire for electrodes, casing materials, gray cast iron, screws, welding cable (70 and 95 sq mm). There was a decrease in work productivity in both plants during the 1st quarter 1951.
- 5) The Dresden Transformer Plant fulfilled its March quota by 111 percent. The following materials are in short supply for the 2nd quarter 1951: transformer plate, steel tubing, screws, iron and steel, porcelain.
- 6) LEW, Hennigsdorf. The 1st quarter 1951 production quota was only 74.9 percent fulfilled. Procurement bottlenecks: tubing and cable material. A detailed account is given of the plant's investments and production problems.
- 7) VEN (VVB for Electrical Machine-Building) Schiffselektrik (electrical equipment for ships) in Rostock. This plant fulfilled its March quota by 117.8 percent, and expects to fulfill the April quota by 113.6 percent. Material bottlenecks: cable, starters and starter pinions. The plant needs additional operating funds for April.
- 8) VEN Berlin. The quota for firms in this Federation was 96 percent fulfilled in the first quarter 1951. Material bottlenecks: high-voltage cable for the Calbe plant. Other subjects discussed included decline in production orders and reduction of personnel.

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